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Sri T. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Planning,
Government of Madras.

Sir,

Herewith enclosed a copy of the letter addressed to the Planning Commission New Delhi with regard a Tourist Pilgrim Centre. The Planning Commission has directed me in their letter, copy of which is enclosed, to place the matter before the State Government in the first instance and accordingly I am forwarding the said letter for your kind consideration.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

A. Bhima Bhat

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To
The Chairman, Planning Commission, New Delhi.

Sub:- Tourist pilgrim centre- Formation of road from Subrahmanya, in South Kanara District Madras State to Kumara Parvatha- Exploration requested.

Sir,

About 12 miles from Subrahmanya there lies a mountain of considerable historical, archaeological, geological and religious interest well worth exploration with a view to developing it at least as a necessary extension of Subrahmanya. Subrahmanya is in the Malnad area of South Kanara in Madras State and is one of the most renowned places of pilgrimage in South India. This temple is reliably estimated to be at least 5000 years old where Sri Shankaracharya had come for worship. This mountain is known as Kumara Parvatha. It lies along the Western Ghats range and is about 4000ft above sea level. On the East lies Coorg and on the Northeast lies Mysore. It is now not only inaccessible to traffic but almost impenetrable except to daring adventurers who have to hack their way through perennial reserve forests with the aid of hillmen.

The Holy Kumaradhara river takes its birth here on the top of this mountain where Kumaraswami or Lord Subrahmanya is believed to have been crowned. The waters that washed His Feet flowed down in two streams and formed the Ubhaya Kumaradhara or twin rivers that encircle the Subrahmanya Kshetra and continue to flow on separately for about 8 miles after which they intermingle. The impress of Lord Kumaraswami's Feet is still to be seen on the top of the Kumara Parvatha and are objects of worship to such of those devotees who succeed to make the ardous climb. The peak is a level place of about an acre in extent.

There are besides to be found on the peak, Saligrams or sacred stones, hexagonal in shape, of both white and pale hues that can be collected by digging with bare hands. These are called Kumara Linga. Devotees collect them for worship. This is a marvel of Nature.

There are clear indications to show that this peak was not so inaccessible as it is now. At a distance of about 8 miles on the way up from Subrahmanya there is a natural camping place called Girimatha, where can be seen clear remains of an agricultural colony that existed about a century ago. Remants of houses and compound walls are still standing there. There is a Mantapam about 16ft long and 8ft. broad, with carved pillars and a slab covering all of granite. It is behind that a Ligayat Mutt once existed there.

The ascent up to Girimatta is gradual, thereafter it is a steep. But once atop the panorama all around at its foot is breath taking in its grandeur. A good road from Subrahmanya to the top of the Holy Kumara Parvatha would attract many more - pilgrims and other travellers to Subrahmanya than now, and the mountain peak itself would be a sacred landmark, a place of - historical and geological interest and a summit of natural - scenic grandeur. As most of the land is reserve forest it is only the Government that can undertake, plan and construct a good - usable roadway to this peak.

I therefore earnestly request that the Government be - pleased to explore the possibilities of developing this part of Subrahmanya as a pilgrim tourist centre.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: 1. Sri U.S.Mallya M.P.New Delhi.
2. Sri B.Shiva Rao M.P. New Delhi.
3. The Commissioner Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Madras.
4. The Deputy Commissioner Hindu Religious & Charitable ndowments Coimbatore.

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Planning Commission

New Delhi, November 8, 1955.

To,

Shri A.Bhima Bhat, B.A.LL.B.

President, Council of Trustees,

Tukke Sri Subramanya Temple,

P.O. PUTTUR, S.I. (S.I.)

Subject:- Tourist Pilgrim Centre - Formation of Road from Subrahmanya, in South Kanara District of Madras State to Kumara Parvatha - Request for exploration.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 16th October, 1955 on the subject noted above and to suggest that you may refer the matter to the State Government concerned in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

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(K.I.Luthra)

Assistant Chief(Transport

"True copy"

A.Bhima Bhat

President,

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